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- [] The listed references were cited in the enclosed International Search Report in a counterpart foreign application.

- [] The "concise explanation" requirement (non-English references) for reference(s) [] under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) is satisfied by:

[] the explanation provided on the attached sheet.

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[] submission of the enclosed International Search Report.

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The Examiner is requested to return a copy of the above list of pending applications indicating which references were considered with the next office communication.

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